

Grace Episcopal Church

Read the Bible in a Year - GraceFullBible - New Testament

Reflection Class: **Sunday, January 11, 2015; 11:30 am - Noon, Grace Jubilee House**

Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date: Days 3 - 7

**Prayer:** Bless us Lord as we journey with you as we read your word. Be our guide, our hope, our source of being, and our inspiration in all we do in your name. Amen

**Purpose of the Session:** The purpose of this venture is to give disciples the basic knowledge of Scripture, create a discipline of daily prayer and reading, and with the leading of the Holy Spirit move out into the congregation, parish, and world in Worship, Welcome, Study, and Service as God's own disciple in Christ.

**Overview:** Read the New Testament during weekdays; Study reflection on Saturday; and Prayers & Readings from RCL on Sundays

**This Week's Readings :**

**January 5 - Matthew 3** - The preaching of John the Baptist. Call for repentance particularly the religious. The one coming after me is greater. Jesus is baptized. God shows up.

**January 6 - Matthew 4** - Jesus tempted in wilderness - God is above all no matter the circumstance; Beginning of the Galilean ministry - fulfillment of the prophets; Called Simon Peter and brother Andrew; Jesus taught, healed, ministered to great crowds.

**January 7 - Matthew 5** - Beginning of the Sermon on the Mount; Blessed are ... ; Salt and light; Jesus fulfills the Hebrew law; Jesus reinterprets the Law to a higher standard of life among the community of Christians.

**January 8 - Matthew 6** - Sermon on the Mount continued: watch how you practice your religion, giving, praying, fasting, treasures in heaven, the eye, two masters, don't worry, be happy

**January 9 - Matthew 7** - Sermon on the Mount continues: don't judge, specks in eyes, holy to dogs, ask, search, knock, do everything to others as you would like to be done to you, beware of false prophets, word of God like house built on the rock, Jesus taught with authority.

**Prayer**

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**Thoughts from others:**

Check out Mark Allen Powell at <http://www.IntroducingNT.com>

Check out daily reflections and sources for these texts at <http://gracefullbible.com/>